

# Heritage Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting Name</b>	Heritage Advisory Committee	<b>Meeting No.</b>	3 of 2015
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Thursday 11 June 2015		
<b>Meeting Time</b>	10.30am		
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Mullewa District Office, followed by site tour of Mullewa Masonic Lodge		
<b>Attendees</b>	Cr. Jerry Clune (JC) (Chair) Andrea Selvey (AS) (via video-conferencing) Leigh O'Brien (LO) Susan Smith (SS) Brendan Wilson (BW) Graham Alexander (GA) Ric McCracken (RM) Gary Martin (GM) Marilyn McLeod (MM) Tanya Henkel (TH) Paul Connolly (PC) Trudi Cornish (TC) (Minutes)	<b>By Invitation</b>	Dr. Howard Gray (via video-conferencing)
		<b>Apologies</b>	Cr. Tarleah Thomas (TT) Cr. Simon Keemink (SK) Lisa Sturis (LS) Serena Schewtschenko (SSc) Rita Stinson
		<b>Distribution</b>	As above

### 1. Welcome & Apologies

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

An amendment to the Minutes from the meeting 10 April 2015 was received from Leigh O'Brien. The amendment is as follows:

#### 4.1 Update Astrolabe Refurbishment/Batavia Bricks (SS, LO)

SS advised the Western Australian Museum had a representative inspect the structure. Due to concerns about the safety as well as the condition of the bricks, the WA Museum sent Department of Maritime Archaeology and Conservation staff to Geraldton. The entire structure has been dismantled and the Batavia bricks placed in storage with the WA Museum Geraldton. The Batavia Coast Maritime Heritage Association has retained the replica Astrolabe for restoration.

#### **Committee Recommendation:**

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee held 10 April 2015 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

### 3. Actions

#### 3.1 Greenough Cemetery

SS has made enquiries with the Metropolitan Cemeteries Board in follow-up to the Committee recommendation that further information be sought regarding the re-opening of closed cemeteries. The Committee agreed that such an action appeared to potentially be a large undertaking.

It was agreed that this idea would be carried forward to the new financial year whereby a community group would be encouraged to explore management options further.

TH revisited comments made by GM at the previous Committee Meeting with regard to the derelict state of many of the grave sites, despite restoration works being carried out some years ago. Lotterywest funding was flagged as vehicle for addressing this matter and this will be further discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

### 4. Agenda Items

#### 4.1 Anchor relocation to Esplanade (Batavia Coast Maritime Heritage Association)

Dr Howard Gray presented a proposal to the Committee on behalf of the BCMHA which would involve the relocation of a disused anchor from the Mid West Ports Authority (MWPA) grounds to the Esplanade Breakwater (tabled photographs available on request). Dr Gray advised that the anchor was available from the MWPA at no cost and that ownership was to be transferred to the BCMHA. The MWPA were in the process of treating the anchor and conservation advice had also been sought from Dr Ian MacLeod (Western Australian Museum).

The MWPA are prepared to relocate the anchor at no cost to the proposed site on the Esplanade which is a rocky area at the far end (close to telescope viewing site) and on the Port side of the Breakwater.

On behalf of the Committee, Cr. Clune expressed congratulations to Dr Gray as the recipient of the 2015 State Heritage Award for Voluntary Individual Contribution.

**ACTION:**

*SS to correspond with Dr Gray with regard to the provision of information clarifying the provenance of the anchor and a copy of the preservation advice provided by Dr MacLeod.*

#### 4.2 Pindar Lonely Grave – Tommy Lintott

Cr. Thomas requested that the unmarked gravesite at Pindar (1km north west of Pindar on the old Pindar-Mullewa Road) be considered for inclusion on the Mullewa Municipal Inventory. TC reported that this gravesite dates from 1926 and belongs to Tommy Lintott, a teamster. Research indicates that Tommy was tragically killed when he was run over by his camel wagon train.

**ACTION:**

*Heritage Service Coordinator (TC) to liaise with Heritage Advisor (TH) in the new financial year with regard to preparing an item for inclusion in the Mullewa Municipal Inventory.*

#### 4.3 New Interpretation Plan for Walkaway Station Museum / Walkaway Station Museum Precinct

RM advised that the most recent Interpretation Plan for the Walkaway Station precinct was completed in 2005 and as such did not take into account the changes that have recently occurred at this site, in particular the new shed. Cr. Clune queried if a revised interpretation plan could be incorporated into the proposed Revitalisation Plan for the Walkaway township.

It was agreed to carry this idea forward for future discussion following the adoption of the 2015/15 budget.

**ACTION:**

*AS to provide Cr. Clune with an update regarding the status of the proposed Revitalisation Plan for the Walkaway township.*

#### 4.4 Commonwealth Funding of History and Heritage

Following recent advice from the Federation of Australian Historical Societies, MM invited discussion regarding the withdrawal of Commonwealth funding towards projects which are not considered to be of national significance.

TH raised attention to a new group named the Parliamentary Friends of History and Heritage. The purpose of this group is to make Members of Parliament aware of the issues and challenges facing heritage protection and promotion in Australia. TC advised that there is a new federally funded Community Heritage online portal ([www.communityheritage.net.au](http://www.communityheritage.net.au)) where individuals and groups can create a profile to promote their group and activities to the wider community.

#### 4.5 Heritage Strategy Update

##### 4.5.1 RFQ Conservation Management Plan Walkaway Public Hall

SS reported that Greenward Consulting had been contracted to undertake the Conservation Management Plan for the Walkaway Public Hall and that heritage practitioner Annette Green had begun research and community consultation.

##### 4.5.2 MWHS Aboriginal History Booklet and Yamaji Drive Trail

TC tabled the Aboriginal History (MWHS) Reference Group Timeline and advised that final editing of the project had been completed and that graphic design was currently underway. Following receipt of the proof document, a further Community Reference Group meeting will be held. It is anticipated that this booklet will be ready for launch in NAIDOC Week 2015.

Accompanying the booklet will be a drive trail pamphlet, *Yamaji Drive Trail*, which will include sites in the City of Greater Geraldton which are of relevance to Aboriginal people and which have been explained in the history booklet.

##### 4.5.3 Bootenal Spring signage

SS advised that a new trail header sign for the Bootenal Spring site at Greenough has now been installed.

#### 4.5.4 Mullewa Zoo Plaque

SS advised that a number of follow-up contacts have been made regarding the preferred wording for this plaque, however no direction has been provided.

#### 4.6 WA Heritage Awards

SS advised that the winner of the State Heritage Awards for Conservation or adaptive reuse of a State Registered place was Wanslea - Cancer Wellness Centre, Cottesloe. TH noted that at the Award Evening, the judges stated how difficult this category had been to award and AS mentioned that the original Railway Station/Visitor Centre was well recognised on the evening through a pictorial display.

#### 4.7 2015/16 Budget Process

SS listed key dates for the budget.

- Councillor and Executive workshops 6 June and 20 June 2015.
- Special meeting of Council to consider and adopt the 2015/16 budget 2 July 2015.

### 5. Other Business

#### 5.1 Point Moore interpretative signage update

TC reported that new, revised signage is currently being installed at Point Moore (photos tabled available on request). An opening day is planned for Sunday 16 August in partnership with the BCMHA.

#### 5.2 Mariner's Astrolabe

MM reported the following updates on the Mariner's Astrolabe on behalf of the BCMHA (photos tabled available on request).

The astrolabe has been restored so that it is now in working order, with the holes in the astrolabe filled with UV-stabilised resin so that turning the alidade is not dangerous. A new base features a compass rose and surrounding platform with 6 interpretive. The advice of Dr Ian MacLeod of WA Museum is being taken to ensure appropriate materials are used for all aspects of this project. WA Museum curators have examined and catalogued the Batavia ballast bricks, which are in near perfect condition. The new base design will ensure that they will not be able to be removed easily. An experienced bricklayer has been identified to undertake the brickwork.

#### 5.3 WA Museum Regional Manager

LO advised that this would be her last attendance at the Committee Meeting as her time as Acting Regional Manager would conclude on the 30 June 2015. On behalf of the Committee, Cr. Clune expressed his sincere thanks to Leigh for her invaluable contribution to local heritage matters during her time in this role.

### 6. Date of next meeting

The date/time/location of the next meeting is to be advised.

### 7. Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.33am.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_